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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Members of the Legislature, I don't know really whether this is a good bill or not. I don't know whether what we are being asked to do is wise or not. But we should at least understand what it is If this were not on consent calendar, we that we're doing. could be contriving an amendment. But no amendments can be added, otherwise the bill is not considered. So we have to think about it in this way. What is more important, to move a bill or to have a bill in the proper form doing what we're told the bill is designed to do? Is there a feeling that the sense of collegiality, which to me boils down in this instance to nonsense, is such that we're going to send a bill that is not containing the language that it ought to contain? Somebody other than the director and the deputy director will be carrying out all of the activities in the existing law that the director or the deputy director can do. That means this person can receive and approve for payment or disapprove applications for aid which shall originate in any local post or any recognized veterans' organization or with the county veterans service officer. So this person does have discretion and is able to reject applications, disapprove of these requests, and it is the kind of activity that I think ought to be discharged by somebody...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at a certain level of responsibility and accountability. And I'm even wondering if the administrative assistant is the one who ought to make these decisions. If you have got one of these agencies or one of these operations in your county, and you find out that an administrative assistant disapproved of it, that might create a bit of hostility or dissatisfaction on your part and you may want to ask the director, why did you let an employee of yours disapprove of this application? Then is the director able to go back and countermand what had been done by the administrative assistant? If the administration...administrative assistant signs any of these documents, will any of them have the force and the legal status of a contract? If that is the case, whatever the administrative assistant signs will bind...